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# H. R. 7246

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use to award grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for planning, establishing, or administering programs to prevent and address the misuse of opioids, related drugs, and other drugs commonly used in pain management or injury recovery, as well as the co-use of one or more such drugs with other substances, by students and student athletes, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2022

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## **1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Student and Student  
3 Athlete Opioid Misuse Prevention Act” or the “Student  
4 Athlete Opioid Prevention Act”.

## 5 SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION.

6        Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
7 (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
8 end the following:

**9 "SEC. 506B. GRANTS FOR STUDENT AND STUDENT ATHLETE  
10 OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, may award grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements to eligible entities for planning, establishing, or administering programs to prevent and address the misuse of opioids, related drugs, and other drugs commonly used in pain management or injury recovery, as well as the co-use of one or more such drugs with other substances, by students and student athletes.

20        "(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
21 under this section, an entity shall be—

22                   “(1) a State or other public entity;

23                   “(2) a nonprofit organization; or

24                   “(3) a drug-free community coalition.

1       “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received through an  
2 award under this section may be used for any of the fol-  
3 lowing:

4           “(1) Carrying out one or more school-based  
5 programs concerning the dangers of the misuse of,  
6 and addiction to, opioids, related drugs, and other  
7 drugs commonly used in pain management or injury  
8 recovery, as well as the co-use of one or more such  
9 drugs with other substances, which programs may  
10 include—

11           “(A) initiatives that give students the re-  
12 sponsibility to create their own anti-drug abuse  
13 education programs;

14           “(B) school-based programs that are fo-  
15 cused on school districts with high or increasing  
16 rates of misuse of, and addiction to, opioids,  
17 and targeted at populations that are most at  
18 risk to start misusing such drugs, including  
19 schools that do not have a certified athletic  
20 trainer on staff; and

21           “(C) school-based prevention programs  
22 that are focused on student athletes and the  
23 risk of misuse of, and addiction to, opioids, as  
24 well as the co-use of opioids with other sub-

1           stances, as part of injury recovery and pain  
2           management.

3           “(2) Carrying out community-based misuse and  
4           addiction prevention programs relating to opioids,  
5           related drugs, and other drugs commonly used in  
6           pain management or injury recovery, as well as the  
7           co-use of one or more such drugs with other sub-  
8           stances, which programs may include—

9           “(A) such programs through youth sports  
10          organizations;

11          “(B) community-based prevention pro-  
12          grams that are focused on populations within  
13          the community that are most at risk for misuse  
14          of and addiction to opioids; and

15          “(C) community-based programs that are  
16          focused on youth athletes and the risk of mis-  
17          use of and addiction to opioids, as well as the  
18          co-use of opioids with other substances, as part  
19          of injury recovery and pain management.

20          “(3) Engaging youth, high school, or collegiate  
21          athletic and recreation programs and associations  
22          concerning the dangers of the misuse of and addic-  
23          tion to opioids, related drugs, and other drugs com-  
24          monly used in pain management or injury recovery,

1 as well as the co-use of one or more such drugs with  
2 other substances, which may include—

3                 “(A) initiatives that give student athletes  
4                 the responsibility to create their own anti-drug  
5                 abuse education programs for their schools; and

6                 “(B) collegiate-based programs that are fo-  
7                 cused on collegiate athletes, including club  
8                 sports and recreation sports, and the risk for  
9                 misuse of and addiction to opioids, as well as  
10                 the co-use of opioids with other substances, as  
11                 part of injury recovery and pain management.

12                 “(4) Assisting local government entities to con-  
13                 duct appropriate prevention activities relating to  
14                 youth and the risk for misuse of and addiction to  
15                 opioids, as well as the co-use of opioids with other  
16                 substances, as part of injury recovery and pain man-  
17                 agement.

18                 “(5) Training and educating State and local of-  
19                 ficials, youth athletics organizers, school administra-  
20                 tors and staff, teachers, athletic directors, athletic  
21                 trainers, coaches, collegiate administrators, directors  
22                 of campus recreation, and campus-based medical  
23                 providers, on the signs of misuse of opioids and the  
24                 options for treatment, including holistic and com-

1 prehensive pain management solutions, and prevention of such misuse.

3 “(d) EVALUATION; REPORTING.—

4       “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary, in  
5 consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal  
6 agencies, shall—

7           “(A) conduct or support periodic evaluations of the programs funded under this section  
8 and other effective programs to prevent and address misuse of and addiction to opioids, related  
9 drugs, and other drugs commonly used for pain  
10 management and injury recovery; and

11           “(B) develop strategies for disseminating  
12 information about and implementing such programs.

13       “(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Assistant Secretary shall annually submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, a report on the programs evaluated under paragraph (1)(A) and the strategies developed under paragraph (1)(B).

1       “(e) DEFINITION.—In this section the term, ‘drug-  
2 free community coalition’ means a community-based coali-  
3 tion that is a current or former recipient of a grant under  
4 section 1032 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

5       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,

7           there are authorized to be appropriated—

8              “(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2023; and

9              “(B) such sums as may be necessary for

10           each succeeding fiscal year.

11           “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount authorized

12           to be appropriated by paragraph (1) for a fiscal

13           year, not more than \$500,000 shall (subject to the

14           availability of appropriations) be used to carry out

15           subsection (d).”.

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